



Vote for Dexter and Tammy for Chairman and Vice -Chair. "The truth is the burden of leadership".

Aahnii Everyone:

Before I deliver the concerns of my statement to you, my condolences to our tribal families who lost loved ones to the pandemic. My thoughts and prayers go out to you. The pandemic has been in many respects, the straw that broke the camel's back; and this speaks to the burden of leadership. For sure, leadership brings with it perks and benefits. I for one have an interest in our "constitution" in regards to blood quantum. Blood quantum was initially a system that the federal government placed onto tribes in an effort to limit their citizenship. I would like to see our tribe consider an option of lowering the blood quantum from one-Quarter (1/4) to one-eight (1/8) – this will create a wide range and depth of responses and feelings. This is a powerful time for this concern. This is something touching our lives now. This concern will be more important now because "We must have and support future generations" and protect the existence of our tribes nation. I believe that knowledge is power, and the more we know, the more voters can make informed decisions. Some of you are probably asking "would there be any perks and benefits to our tribe, and the answer is yes, the love of those to whom we reach out to and for what they have not had to what they should have. We have an opportunity to build a more collaborative and sustainable culture.

VOTE.

Dexter McNamara – Chairman

Tammy Okuly Shananaquet – Vice Chair

Tribal citizens, Tammy Okuly Sananaquet and I are asking for your support for the upcoming primary election. Ballots will be mailed out on April 2, 2021. Primary election day will be on May 3, 2021. My first administrative job for our tribe came during the year of 1997 to 2003 when I was appointed to Regulatory Commission. I have been on Tribal Council for over ten (10) years, being first elected in 2003, and served a 2 (two) year term; and reelected in 2005. I then served as Vice-Chair and chairman, and finally returning to Tribal Council in 2015 to serve my final four (4) year term ending in August of 2019. My ties to the Mackinaw Area, while serving as Tribal Councilor, was very instrumental to the building and opening of the Mackinaw Casino. I sat on the first land and reservation committee that was created in February of 2008, and which my extensive knowledge of the history of our tribe, and my familiarity of the community led to the success of the committee. I also served as a member on the ethics committee and for the last two years on the Appropriation and Finance Committee. "The Truth is the Burden of Leadership."

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"THE TRUTH IS THE BURDEN OF LEADERSHIP."



Aanii My name is Tammy Okuly Shananaquet. I am the daughter of Mervin and Cindy (Welcome) Shananaquet and the Granddaughter of the late Ida (Cabinaw) and Samuel Shananaquet.

Having been one of the many children removed from my Tribal family as a baby, thus not brought up in my Anishinaabe family—I have experienced numerous life lessons having walked many diverse roads before returning home. These experiences have left me with skillsets and knowledge base that can benefit Our People as we move forward in promoting health, education and economic interests of our citizens.

In 2010, motivated by an Ancestral innate need to return to the place of my birth and compelled by a need to know my native family and the Anishinaabe Culture denied me as a child; I began to apply for positions posted by our LTBB Government.

April 2011, I accepted the position of Elder Outreach Coordinator. With great humility and honor I have been guided by many elders and taught multiple lessons that empowers me to embrace our cultural values of honoring, respecting, protecting and caring for our elder's, our children and our Waganakising Odawa Citizens as a whole. In 2012, with the support of Tribal Council, the Elder Advisory Board and multiple citizens; we were able to secure the optional resources supporting the Elder Program by creating the Elder Department, therefore protecting the services provided to our Tribal Elders by law.

During the nearly 10 years serving inside our Tribal Government, I established many relationships and had the opportunity to have insight into both the strengths and weaknesses we have in caring for our Citizens. Therefore, there are several identified areas I hope to work toward strengthening, in addition to those that the citizens bring to my attention.

A PANDEMIC TRIBAL GOVERNMENT RECOVERY PLAN WITH SPECIFIC GUIDELINES TO RETURN EMPLOYEES AND SERVICES SAFELY.

- **ADVISORY BOARDS WILL BE ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE FIRST QUARTER; ELDERS, YOUTH AND CULTURAL ADVISORY BOARDS FROM DISTRICTS INSIDE AND OUTSIDE SERVICE AREAS, BUSINESS ETHICS AND COMPLIANCE BOARDS; ESTABLISHING THE CONCEPT OF RADICAL OPENNESS AND TRANSPERANCY.**
CULTURAL TEACHING FOR ALL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES. Everyone that works for LTBB must understand what our goals of achievement as an Anishinaabek nation are. The preservation of our language, our Ancestral teachings and ceremonies, thus our way of life.
- **INTERTRIBAL GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, THE TRIBAL CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR WILL STAND AS EMBASSADORS FOR WAKANAKASING ODAWA NATION**
 - 1 FOCUS ON SUPPORTING STATE OF MI GREAT LAKES CONSENT DECREE**
 - 2 EXPLORING AND OPPOSING THE USE OF BLOOD QUANTUM TO RECOGNIZE OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN IN OUR SOVERIEGN NATION**
- **HOUSING / SUPPORTIVE LIVING EXECUTIVE WILL WORK WITH TRIBAL COUNCIL AND HOUSING ON ESTABLISHING PREAUTHORIZED BUDGET FOR PURPOSE OF PURCHASE OF HOUSING OPTIONS**

Running for position of Tribal Vice-Chair I will support the Tribal Chair; Dexter McNamara in administering and implementing the LTBB Constitution. We will provide a personal commitment and will respectfully seek out the best direction for the future; The Truth is the Burden of Leadership.